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Sheriff's Office and Maryland State Police Release 2020 Stats *UCR Part I Offenses Down by Nearly 20% from 2019*

FREDERICK, Md. (Feb. 23, 2021) – The Frederick County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) and Maryland State Police (MSP) Frederick Barrack saw nearly a 20% decrease in Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Part I offenses as reported in the attached 2020-2019 UCR.

The International Association of Chiefs of Police conceived the UCR concept in 1929 as a way to provide reliable, uniform crime statistics for the nation. In 1930, the FBI started collecting, publishing, and archiving those statistics, with more than 17,000 U.S. law enforcement agencies contributing each year. UCR Part I offenses include:

- Criminal Homicides
- Rapes
- Robberies
- Assaults – Aggravated
- Burglaries – Breaking & Entering
- Thefts
- Motor Vehicle Thefts.

The FCSO and MSP combined results for Frederick County, between 2019 and 2020, show Part I offenses decreased by nearly 300 crimes, a decrease of 1.86 crimes committed per 1,000 Frederick County residents. Overall, between the two law enforcement agencies, this represents nearly a 20% decrease in crimes. FCSO saw a decrease of 18% and MSP saw a decrease of 30%.

“The decrease of nearly 20% that the FCSO experienced in 2020 is consistent with what many other jurisdictions have seen in 2020,” said FCSO Sheriff Chuck Jenkins. “The larger point is the fact that 2020 is the seventh consecutive year in which we have seen significant reductions in Part I offenses. The citizens of this county should be pleased with this continual decrease and reinforces the fact this is a very safe county to live in.”

Jenkins attributed this decrease to a combination of several factors, including:

- The COVID-19 pandemic which shut down businesses and kept people in their homes for a significant number of months;
- FCSO deputies focusing on directed patrol areas where citizens have experienced certain criminal activity in the past;
- The effective apprehension of repeat known offenders throughout the county.

“It is rewarding to see the decrease in crime given the increase in population and the influx of people traveling through Frederick County,” said Lt. Stephen Johnson, MSP Frederick Barrack commander.

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) is a full-service law enforcement agency; an arm of the court, and a keeper of offenders. In this regard, it exists to serve the more than 250,000 citizens of Frederick County with respect, fairness, and compassion. FCSO is committed to the prevention of crime; the protection of life and property; the preservation of peace and order; the enforcement of laws and ordinances; the safeguarding of constitutional guarantees; and safekeeping of prisoners. The men, women, and officers of this office nurture public trust by holding themselves to the highest standards of performance and ethics. The FCSO is located at 110 Airport Drive East, Frederick, MD, 21701. Visit www.frederickcosheriff.com for more information.

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